Networking Specific Principles:

1. The State Network must provide an infrastructure to support all communications and application requirements of agencies, between agencies and to/from outside State government.

2. The Network is available 24x7x365 except for maintenance windows. Access to the Network can be anytime from anywhere.

3. Networks and products employed in networks must be designed for growth, flexibility, and quick adaptability.

4. The Network will use industry-proven, mainstream technologies, with priority given to network products adhering to industry standards and open architecture standards.

5. The Network and products must be manageable and be maintained in a way that provides proactive response capability and measurable service level agreement and performance statistics.

6. Networks must be designed with safety and security of data being a high priority.